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MATERIALS

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1. EMBASSY MADE AVAILABLE MAY 13 SUMMARY (BASED PARAS
1-3 REFTEL) OF PROPOSALS IN SECRETARY'S KANSAS CITY SPEECH
TO SWISS FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (SECRETARY GENERAL
THALMANN AND CHIEF OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SERVICE
ZWAHLEN) AND DIVISION OF COMMERCE (JOLLES, LANGUETIN,
AND LEVY).

2. E/C COUNSELOR HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS PROPOSALS BRIEFLY
WITH ZWAHLEN AND LEVY. BOTH GAVE PRELIMINARY POSITIVE
REACTION AND PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED BEING BRIEFED IN
ADVANCE OF SPEECH.

3. ON SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, LEVY SAID GOS WOULD CERTAINLY
WELCOME EFFORT IN MTN'S IN AREA OF SUPPLY ACCESS. SIMILARLY,
SWISS ARE CONVINCED THAT NEW ARRANGEMENTS ON COMMODITY
BY COMMODITY BASIS ARE NEEDED. BUT SINCE CIRCUMSTANCES
VARY SO GREATLY BETWEEN COMMODITIES LEVY THOUGHT REAL
TEST WOULD COME IN HOW UPCOMING EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE
ON SUCH COMMODITIES AS COCOA, TIN, AND COFFEE WERE
HANDLED. SWISS FULLY AGREE THAT UNLESS NEW WAYS FOUND
TO EXPAND INVESTMENT IN RAW MATERIALS PRODUCTION, WORLD
ECONOMIC UPSWING WILL LEAD TO NEW GAPS IN SUPPLY/DEMAND
EQUATION AND CONSEQUENT PRICE PRESSURES AND BOTTLENECKS.
SWITZERLAND, AS NON-MEMBER WORLD BANK, WOULD HAVE OPEN
MIND ON WHETHER IBRD IS BEST OR ONLY BEHICLE TO EXPLORE
SUBJECT.

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4. SWISS FULLY AGREE THAT EXISTING MULTILATERAL FORA
SHOULD BE FULLY UTILIZED, ALTHOUGH THEY SENSE THAT
INCREASINGLY PRODUCERS AND LDGS WILL NOT BE SATISFIED
WITH WORDS AND WILL INSIST ON ACTION. WITH REGARD TO
TACTICS AND PROCEDURAL OPTIONS, LEVY THOUGHT SWISS
WOULD GO ALONG WITH IEA MAJORITY IF THERE WAS FEELING
THAT NEW MEETING OR PREPCON SHOULD TAKE PLACE. HOWEVER,
HE THOUGHT THAT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN THAT DATE OF

NEW MEETING WAS REALISTIC AND THAT THOROUGH CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE IN ADVANCE SO THAT CONSUMER POSITION WAS WELL PREPARED AND CREDIBLE. IF NEW PREPCON WERE AGAIN TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE HE ALSO WONDERED WHETHER COMPOSITION (INCLUDING ROLE OF FRANCE) OF FIRST PREPCON WAS NECESSARILY ONE THAT SHOULD BE REPEATED.

5. LEVY ALSO NOTED THAT IT IS CLEAR THAT FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRODUCERS AND LDCS CAN CLEARLY NOT BE CONFINED TO ENERGY ALONE AND THUS WONDERED IF IEA MINISTERIAL WAS APPROPRIATE LOCUS TO DISCUSS RAW MATERIAL POLICY, ETC. IN ANY EVENT, HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT PREPARATIONS AND EXPECTED RESULTS OF IEA AND OECD MINISTERIALS BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH RESPECT TO BOTH ENERGY AND OTHER RELATED SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO CONSUMERS, PRODUCERS, AND LDCS.

6 AS NOTED ABOVE, THESE COMMENTS REPRESENTED PRELIMINARY REACTION; FURTHER SWISS IDEAS WILL PROBABLY COME AT MAY 20 IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY MAKE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR MINISTERIAL. WE UNDERSTAND SWISS HAVE PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED MEETING LATER THIS WEEK WITH AUSTRIA AND SWEDEN TO DISCUSS IEA MATTERS WHICH WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS RE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER REACTION WE RECEIVE.
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